

REMARKS

Claims 37-61 remain in this application. Claims 1-36 have been canceled. Claims 37-61 have been added.

Support for newly added claims 37-61 can be found at least at pages 3-8. More particularly, support for determining the geographic location of an intermediate host based at least in part on a string of characters associated with a geographic naming convention can be found at least at page 15, line 17 to page 16, line 5. None of the cited references from the parent case (U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/541,451), including U.S. Patent No. 6,151,631 to Ansell, disclose or infer determining the geographic location of an Internet user or a target host at least in part by determining the geographic location of an intermediate host in the route to the target host, wherein the geographic location of the intermediate host is determined in part by an associated string of characters associated with a geographic naming convention.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at 404 815 6061 if the Examiner has any suggestions on how to place the application in even better form. Moreover, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned attorney if he intends to issue anything other than a Notice of Allowance.

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